Shuumatsu no Valkyrie

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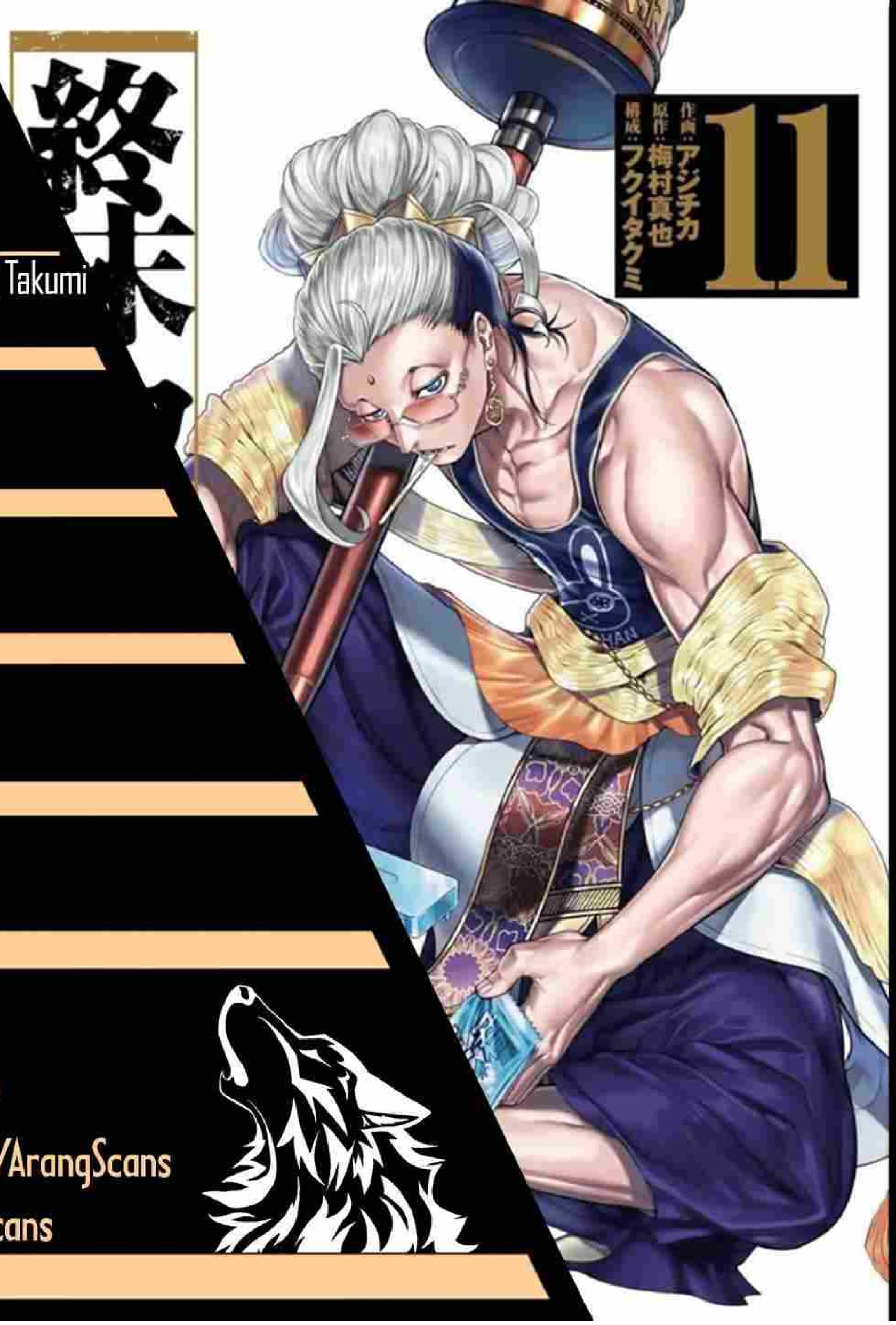

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TAKEN ZERO-FUKU'S CATA-CLYSMIC AT-TACK...

BUD-DHA'S...

HEAD-ON...

AND STOPPED IT...

DEAD IN ITS TRAAAAAACKS!!!

Chapter 47: The Path

BUDDHA'S DIVINE WEAPON, THE *SIX REALMS STAFF*...

LIKE, WHERE'D THAT SHIELD...

UH... WHA...

WHAT THE HECK JUST HAPPEN-ED?!

SIX REALMS STAFF...?

S...

THE SIX WORLDS WHICH MANKIND CAN RE-INCARNATE INTO...

ARE KNOWN TO BUD-DHISTS AS THE *SIX REALMS*.

EACH OF THOSE REALMS IS PROTECTED BY A FORM OF THE BODHI-SATTAVA *KANNON*...

THE SIX REALMS STAFF...

IS ABLE TO STORE THE POWER OF THOSE SIX GUARDIAN BUDDHAS...

IT REACTS...

TO BUDDHA'S EMOTIONS...

AND CHANGES FORM ACCORDINGLY!!

AHIMSA

REACTS TO HIS EMOTIONS...

YOU MEAN HE CAN'T CHOOSE WHAT WEAPON TO USE HIMSELF?!

YOUR PUBERTY'S SOMETHIN' ELSE...

MAN, YOU'RE JUST *SEETH-ING*, AREN'T-CHA?

AND POP THIS BAD BOY!

MADE ME BREAK A SWEAT...

HE PUSHED IT BACK?!

WILD!

PRETTY DAMN...

IF I CAN'T FLAT-TEN YOU...

QUIT ACTIN' ALL COOL AND COL-LECT-ED!!

GH...

I'LL JUST SHRED YOU TO BITS. BUDDHAA AAAAAA!!

THE MISERY CLEAVER CHANGED SHAPE AGAIN!!

HIS STAFF'S CHANGING, TOO!!

Six Realms Staff, Second Realm: Animal Realm, Horse-Faced Kannon

NIRVANA

GUESS I GOTTA GET UP-CLOSE AND PER-SONAL, HUH?

OH, IT'S YOU...

GOTCHU!

GET DICED !!!!

HE GONNA MAKE IT?!

IS...

A HEAD-ON RUSH?!

WHA...

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WHA... WHAT THE?!

WHAT...

THE HELL...?

COU-GH...

LIKE A BUDDHA OUT OF HELL...

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AND... THERE'S THE COUNTER!!

HE LANDS A CLEAN HIT ON ZERO-FUKU'S SIDE!!

WHY, YES!

THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT I WAS THINK-ING, OF COURSE!

OF COUR-SE.

HE GOT WITHIN RANGE TO COUNTER HIM WHILE AVOIDING HIS ATTACK...

IMPRES-SIVE.

FOR THE STAFF TO TURN INTO *THAT?*

BUT...WHAT KIND OF EMOTION DID BUDDHA HAVE TO BE FEELING...

ALRIGHT...! HE DID IT!!

HUH?

HEH HEH

THAT'S SOOOO LIKE HIM.

HE LIVES HIS LIFE HOW HE PLEASES...

WITH NOBODY HOLDING HIM DOWN.

THAT'S PRECISELY BECAUSE HE'S...

"HISTORY'S STRONG-EST ADOLE-SCENT".

ADOLE-SCENT?!

H-HISTORY'S STRONG-EST...

FROM BIRTH, HE HAD EVERYTHING WITHIN HIS REACH...

ANCIENT NORTH INDIA, KAPILAVASTU

YAH!!

...IM-
PRES-
SIVE.

SIDDHAR-
THA.

IT SEEMS YOU'VE COME TO MASTER THE SWORD AS WELL...

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR HELP, TEACHER.

GAUTAMA SIDDHARTHA
(LATER THE BUDDHA)

BORN THE PRINCE OF THE KINGDOM OF THE SHAKYAS IN ANCIENT NORTH INDIA...

THERE WAS VERY LITTLE GAUTAMA SIDDHARTHA, A MEMBER OF THE **KSHATRIYA** CASTE, DID NOT ALREADY POSSESS.

CLOTH-ING...

THE BEST...

STAT-US...

THE BEST...

BRAHMINS
(CLERGY)

KSHATRIYAS
(ROYALTY AND MILITARY)

VAISHYAS
(COMMONERS)

SHUDRAS
(SLAVES)

FOOD...

THE BEST...

EDU-CA-TION...

THE BEST...

DWEL-LING...

THE BEST...

AND SO...

FATH-ER...

YOU'VE GROWN INTO A FINE YOUNG MAN...

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JUST AS ASITA THE SAGE PROPHE-SIED.

HA HA HA...

SUDDHODANA
(SIDDHARTHA'S FATHER)

THE GODS DICTATE...

OOH...

AND ONE DAY SHALL COME TO RULE THE WORLD.

THIS BOY WILL BE THE GREATEST AMONG ALL OF HUMAN-ITY...

HE WAS PROMISED THE BEST FUTURE BY THE GODS...

SID-DHAR-THA?

UNDER-STAND...

IT IS YOUR DESTINY...

TO COME TO RULE THE WORLD.

NOW, THE SHAKYA PEOPLE WILL BE AT PEACE.

YES...

FATHER.

RECEIVE IT WITH GRATI-TUDE.

NOW, NOW...

THIS IS A GIFT FROM PRINCE SIDDHARTHA.

THANKS TO YOU, WE CAN KEEP OUR-SELVES ALIVE!

WE HAVEN'T EATEN FOR TWO WHOLE DAYS!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

WHAT A COMPAS-SIONATE MAN HE IS!

LORD SIDDHAR-THA SURE IS AMA-ZING.

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A TRUE PARAGON OF ROY-ALTY.

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HE'S DONE SO MUCH FOR THE PEOPLE...

THANK YOU! PRAISE BE!

YOU ARE NOTHING LESS THAN A GOD AMONG MEN.

TO GIVE US SHUDRAS ALMS...

I BESTOW HAPPINESS ON THE PEOPLE...

BECAUSE IT'S WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO...

AS ROYALTY.

PLEASE STOP!

PRINCE SID-DHAR-THA!

AND HIS DESTINY BESTOWED UPON HIM BY THE GODS.

SIDDHAR-THA ACCEP-TED IT WELL-- BOTH HIS ROLE AS A PRINCE OF THE SHAKYA PEOPLE...

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BY ANYBODY, ARE YOU?

HELD DOWN...

YOU'RE NOT...

THAT...

AFTER ALL...

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IS SIMPLY HOW DESTINY WORKS...

SORRY.

RIGHT.

IT IS MOST IMPRUDENT FOR ROYALTY TO PRESENT THEMSELVES LIKE THAT!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE, LORD SIDDHARTHA?!

UNTIL THEN, THAT IS...

ANCIENT NORTH INDIA
MALLA
ONE OF THE SIXTEEN
MAHAJANAPADAS

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IT'S BEEN SO LONG!!

JATAKA, BIG BROTHER!!

...OH.

ER...

BROTHER JATAKA...

HOW ARE YOU FEEL-ING...?

.....

COUGH COUGH

I'M...GLAD YOU CAME TO SEE ME...

SIDDHAR-THA...

KING OF MALLA
JATAKA

I'M... FEELING FINE TODAY...

IT'S ALL RIGHT...

DON'T STRAIN YOUR-SELF, SIRE!

COU-GH...

YES, OF COURSE!

SIDDHAR-THA...

WILL YOU GO FOR A WALK WITH ME...?

I WAS JUST IMITATING THE CHILD-REN I SAW IN THE CITY...

YES...

YOU'VE SCOLDED ME ABOUT IT ONCE BEFORE.

I TOLD YOU TO STOP CALLING ME "BIG BRO-THER", DIDN'T I?

I...WAS A LITTLE BIT JEALOUS OF THEM...

THAT'S WHAT BROTHERS WHO ARE CLOSE CALL EACH OTHER...

...AL-RIGHT.

YES, BUT THAT'S NOT HOW ROYALTY SHOULD BEHAVE.

WAH!

BRO-THER!

I'M...GLAD TO HEAR THAT, THOUGH.

SIDDHARTHA GOT ALONG WELL WITH KING JATAKA, A DISTANT RELATIVE OF HIS AND FIVE YEARS HIS SENIOR.

I SEE... SOON IT WILL BE YOUR TURN...

TO AS-SUME THE THRONE OF THE SHAKYAS, HM?

YES.

HHHH...

WHEN I'M KING, I'LL STRIVE TO MAKE EVERY-BODY HAPPY...

BECAUSE THAT'S MY DESTINY...

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Y... YOU'RE HAPPY, TOO...

AREN'T YOU, BROTHER JATAKA?

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MALLA IS SUCH A PROSPER-OUS KINGDOM!

DO YOU THINK THAT?

WHY...

FROM THE VAISHYAS TO THE SHUDRAS!

THE PEOPLE HERE ALL LEAD HAPPY LIVES...

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THERE'S NO GREATER HAPPINESS THAN THIS!

AS ROYALTY...

WHAT?

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT?

THAT I'M HAPPY?

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE...

SID-DHAR-THA...

.....

I WILL SUCCUMB TO MY ILL-NESS.

BEFORE LONG ...

UNTIL NOW, I'VE TAKEN NOTHING BUT THE HAPPI-NESS OF THE PEOPLE INTO CONSIDER-ATION...

IN ORDER TO BE SEEN AS A GOOD KING...

WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, BROTHER ...?

MANY WOULD CERTAINLY LOOK AT ME...

AND SAY "HE LED A HAPPY LIFE" ...

FORTU-NATELY...

THERE WERE NO MAJOR WARS DURING MY REIGN, AND THE KING-DOM PROS-PERED...

SID-DHAR-THA...

LET'S... HEAD BACK NOW, BROTHER.

COUGH COUGH

JUST *WHOSE* LIFE I WAS LIVING...

I WONDER ...

THE BEST PALACE ...

AND THE STATUS OF NO-BILITY...

THE BEST CLOTH-ING...

THE BEST FOOD...

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WHOSE ...?

EVERY-THING I HAD WAS *HANDED* TO ME.

I CHOSE NOTHING FOR MYSELF.

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THE RIVER THAT RUNS THROUGH MY KING-DOM...

TO WHERE DOES IT FLOW?

THE ROASTED BEANS THE PEOPLE EAT...

I WONDER HOW THEY TASTE...

HOW FAR DOES IT REACH ...?

AND THE SKY ABOVE MY HEAD...

NOTHING OF THAT...

I KNOW ...

BROTH-ER...

.....

I LET A PRETTY UNCOOL SIDE OF ME...

ER... SORRY.

SLIP OUT THERE, EH?

FORGET WHAT I SAID.

IT SEEMS MY WILL HAS JUST GROWN WEAK IN THE FACE OF DEATH.

HE'S...

FINALLY PASSED AWAY...

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REST IN PEACE, KING JATAKA ...

KING JATAKA ...

KING JATAKA MUST HAVE TRULY BEEN A HAPPY MAN, NO...?

BUT FOR THE PEOPLE TO MOURN HIS PASSING THIS MUCH ...

MUST BRING HIM GREAT HONOR...

HAPPY ...

"I WONDER JUST WHOSE LIFE I WAS LIVING..."

"EVERY-THING I HAD WAS HANDED TO ME..."

LORD SID-DHAR-THA...?

IS SOME-THING THE MATTER?

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WE'LL BE LATE FOR HIS FUNERAL ...

LORD SID-DHAR-THA...?

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KAAAAA HA HA HA!!

AA-AAH...

HAS HE GONE MAD WITH GRIEF ...?!

LORD SID-DHAR-THA?!

HUH

ENLIGHTENMENT
GOT IT.
I'VE...

PERHAPS THE DEATH OF KING JATAKA...

WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM TO BEAR...

YES, SIRE ...

WE SENT EVERYONE OUT TO SEARCH FOR HIM... BUT AS IT STANDS, HE'S GONE MISSING..

THEY STILL CAN'T FIND SIDDH-ARTHA...?

WILL MAKE HIM AWARE OF HIS PLACE AS A KING AGAIN...

HOW-EVER ...

PERHAPS THE SIGHT OF THIS EX-QUISITE FUNERAL...

SO HE STILL HASN'T GROWN UP... HE'S NOT FIT TO BE THE NEXT KING...

HE DIED THE KING OF A WEALTHY AND PROS-PEROUS LAND.

TO HAVE A HIGH PRIEST CHANT A MANTRA FOR HIM...

KING JATAKA WAS A HAPPY MAN INDEED.

I'VE NEVER SEEN A MORE MAGNIFI-CENT FU-NERAL IN MY LIFE.

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THERE COULD BE NO GREATER HAPPINESS THAN THAT.

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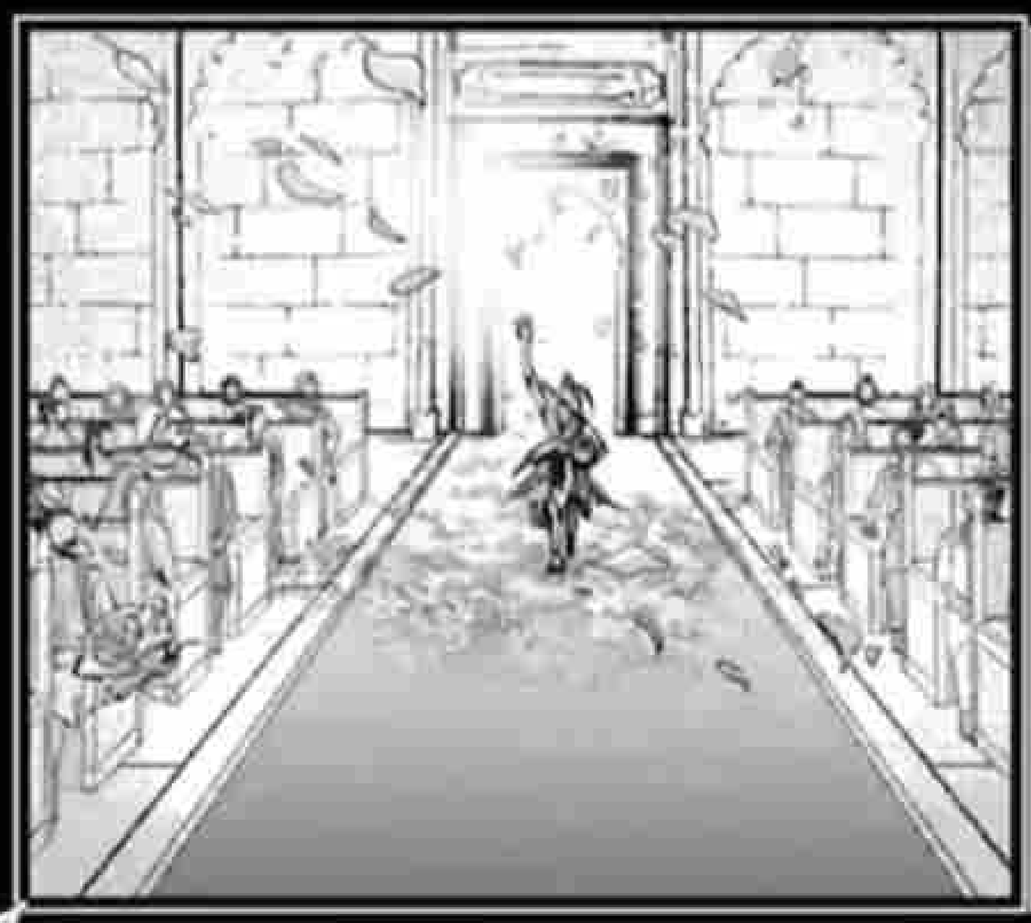
WHO'S THAT ...?

WHAT THE ...?

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING ...?!

WH- WHY, YOU...

SID- DHAR THA!!



THE HIGH PRIEST IS STILL SAYING HIS--

P-PLEASE RESTRAIN YOURSELF, LORD SIDDHARTHA!

BIG BROTHER ...

I CAME TO GET YOU.

PUT DOWN HIS COFF-IN!!

YOU BLAS-PHEM-ER!

WE'RE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FUNER-AL!!

WH-W HAT ARE YOU DOING ...?!

YOU'LL INCUR THE WRATH OF THE GODS!!

WHAT SORT OF BE-HAVIOR IS THAT FOR A PRINCE ?!

STOP, SID-DHAR-THA!!

SHADDAP.

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OR THE BLESSING OF THE GODS.

JATAKA DOESN'T NEED...

YOUR GUYS' PRAYERS ...

WHA ...

HE'S GOT HAPPI- NESS ...

RIGHT HERE.

GO...

AND SEE IT FOR YOUR-SELF ...

BIG BROTHER ...

AFTER THAT...

HIS WIFE AND CHILD, HIS ROYAL GARMENTS, HIS STATUS ...

AND EVERY-THING ELSE HE POS-SESSED ...

PLEASE WAIT, LORD SIDDHARTHA!!

GET BACK HERE, SIDDHARTHA!!

YOUR HIGHNESS!!

SIDDHAR-THA CAST ASIDE HIS PALACE...

AND WENT OUT INTO THE WILDER-NESS...

AND SO...

OF THE RHINOC-EROS...

LIKE THE HORN ...

HE TREAD HIS OWN, SOLITARY PATH...

THAT IS NECESSARY FOR *EN-LIGHTEN-MENT* AS WELL.

HIS SUFFERING SHALL PURIFY HIS MIND.

MASTER, HE COL-LAPSED FROM HUNGER AGAIN...

Uugh ...

DO NOT EAT THAT FOOD SO GREEDILY WHILE YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR SACRED MORTIFI-CATION...

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING ?!

HM ?!

HUH ?!

HERE, GIVE HIM THIS...

M-MILK POR-RIDGE ...?

SHADDAP.

I'M FEEDING HIM 'CAUSE I WANNA.

WE'VE JUST BEEN SITTING HERE ALL DAY LONG...

ISN'T EN-LIGHTENMENT SUPPOSED TO INVOLVE MOR-TIFICATION AND SUCH...?

MASTER SIDDHAR-THA... ARE YOU CERTAIN THIS IS ALRIGHT ...?

SHADDAP.

IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE. IT'S FINE.

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YOU'LL INVOKE THE GODS' WRATH!!

YOU'LL BE DE-STROYED!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

THAT GIRL IS A SACRIFICE TO THE GODS!!

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HUH ...?

UP!!

SHUT...

I'LL JUST TAKE 'EM ON MYSELF!!

IF THEY WANNA TRY...

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TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE FATE THAT HAD BEEN DECIDED FOR HIM BY OTHERS...

AND IMPOSE FATE UPON HIM...

FOR THOSE WHO TRY TO DENY HIM HIS OWN, INTERNAL HAPPI-NESS...

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER THEY ARE GOD OR MAN.

TO BUDDHA ...

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BUT *ABSOLUTE HATRED.*

HE HAS NOTHING ...

BUDDHA IS THE "STRON-GEST ADOLES-CENT".

I'M SURE I SAID IT BEFORE.

THE ONLY REASON WHY HE'S FIGHTING THE GODS?!

H-HA-TRED ...?

IS THAT...

RIGHT NOW IS THE HEIGHT OF ADOLESCENCE!

IN OTHER WORDS...

UNTIL YOU'RE OVER YOUR LITTLE TANTRUM...

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NOW GET UP.

BUD DHA AAAA